

REMARKS

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-46 and 52-55 and objection to claims 50 and 51 as containing patentable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

The claims have been amended to place them in condition for allowance with claims 50 and 51 having been rewritten in independent form, the dependency of claims 48 and 49 having been made dependent on claim 50 and newly submitted claims 56 and 57 which correspond to claims 48 and 49 being dependent on claim 51.

Early allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (0171.40757X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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